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AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below at 201 et seq. underneath my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor if only one name is listed at 201 below, or an original, first and joint inventor if plural names are listed at 201 et seq. below, of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**GRIP ELEMENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF**

and for which a patent application:

☒ is attached hereto and includes amendment(s) filed on *(if applicable)*

☐ was filed in the United States on as Application No. *(for declaration not accompanying application)*

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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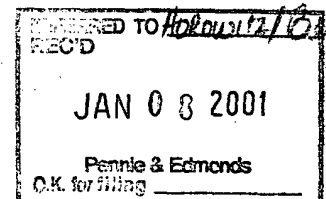
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## 2. Name and address of receiving party(ies):

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, (i) Barry CHADWICK; (ii) Roger F. LOCKSHIER; (iii) Arthur R. HAMILTON, Jr. and (iv) Phillip A. JOHNSON, ASSIGNORS, citizens of the United States, residing at (i) 13 Garrison Drive, Guilford, CT 06437; (ii) 44 Blake Road, Monroe, CT 06468; (iii) 209 Marcdale Boulevard, Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785 and (iv) 401 North Lincoln Avenue, Clearwater, FL 34615, respectively, are the inventors of the invention in GRIP ELEMENT AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURE THEREOF for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

☒ which is executed on ☒ even date herewith or ☐ \_\_\_\_\_

☒ which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 618-880-999

☐ which was filed on \_\_\_\_\_, Application No. \_\_\_\_\_

and WHEREAS, BIC Corporation, with principal offices at 500 Bic Drive, Milford, Connecticut 06460, ASSIGNEE, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNORS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States application and all divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

Date 22-SEP, 2000 BjC \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Barry Chadwick

Date 22-SEP, 2000 RFL \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
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Date 25-Sep-00, 2000 AHR \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Arthur R. Hamilton, Jr.

Date 25 Sep -00, 2000 PAJ \_\_\_\_\_ L.S.  
Phillip A. Johnson

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In the State of Connecticut, county of New Haven, on Sept. 23, 2000, before me, Sandra M. Conlan, Notary Public, personally appeared Barry Chadwick personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal  
Sandra M. Conlan  
My Commission Expires Jan. 31, 2005

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In the State of Connecticut, county of New Haven, on Sept. 23, 2000, before me, Sandra M. Conlan, Notary Public, personally appeared Roger F. Lockshier, personally known to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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